The shoe that fits one person pinches another; there is no recipe for living that suits all cases.
Carl Jung

Shabbat service honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 16, 2015

Over 300 people attended this service to honor Dr. King. Our temple was overflowing with members of CBY and our African American neighbors. The clergy from area churches were also in attendance and were part of the service as well as members of the MLK Town-wide Committee. The highlight of the evening was the singing group THE VOICES OF EL SHADDAI. What a wonderful treat to hear this gospel group entertain alone and with our own CBY Choir. Many thanks are due to many people. Our temple should be very proud of the face we showed to the religious community of Hilton Head and the work that was done by so many of our members. Thank you Rabbi Bloom for orchestrating the program, to David Kimbell who arranged for the singers, to the music committee who felt this program would be the success it was, to the Men’s Club for ushering, for all the women who baked, to the office staff, to our “in house” photographers, to the communications committee for their work on advertising this event, and to the entire Social Action committee who did the honors for the evening—especially Lorna Bonner and Tena Graber—event chairs.
**February 2015**

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**New shipments are arriving everyday to the Judaica Shop**
Come in and browse
Monday through Friday
1:00 PM—3:00 PM (or by appointment)

Pictured here is a silver and wood seder plate, a jeweled Tzedakah box, a kiddush cup with plate and a modern wood & pewter candle holder.
Congregation Beth Yam is growing not only in numbers but diversifying in the make-up of the congregation. We exceed three hundred and ten families and we have fifty students in the Sunday Religious and Hebrew Schools. We have a small but dedicated youth group. Our activities span the age spectrum with adult education, spiritual programs and worship services. We have concerts and, recently, I even saw a group of members set up a Mah Jongg game! The list goes on and on and we plead guilty to the charge of doing too much but when it comes to pulling back there is always someone or a committee who says, “No, that’s our program and it is important.” The truth is that we have good problems at our congregation as we do our best to manage groups, facilities and programming. It is, of course, a bustling congregation and the center of Jewish life in the low country.

Yes, we stand in the mainstream of Reform Judaism and belong to the Union of Reform Judaism. We have members of our congregation who sit on the national and regional boards of both URJ and Women of Reform Judaism. This year we anticipate breaking all past records at Beth Yam by sending up to ten students from our congregation to URJ Camps such as Camp Coleman in Georgia and Camp Jacobs in Mississippi. What an impact that these returning kids will have on our youth program upon their return!

We are getting ready for a new venture in the spiritual life of the congregation by ordering the forthcoming new publication of High Holy Day Mahzorim. The title of this two volume set for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is Mishkan HaNefesh or Tabernacle of the Soul. It will be a departure from the longstanding Gates of Awe which we have been using for decades in the Reform movement. I hope you will seriously consider buying copies for the congregation and honoring someone you may want to remember as well. In this case we will be amongst the first in the Reform movement to worship next September with these new High Holy Day prayer books. I feel confident that in time we will learn to appreciate some of the new readings as we encounter a new generation of creative writers and traditional sources from Jewish sacred literature that will inspire and open up new perspectives about communal worship during these days of awe.

The point here is that the only constant in our congregation is change. No matter what we do it seems that in the big picture of the congregation, especially regarding the spiritual and communal life of Beth Yam, we continue to grow and evolve. I believe this is not only a good thing but it is a natural part of the development of any congregation. It is natural to be hesitant and cautious about watching our congregation change but, at the end of the day, what seems to be important is whether we are relevant to people’s lives and whether our members feel that they are part and parcel of what is happening in the congregation. Surely this is an area that leadership and I as Rabbi always need to have our hand on the pulse of the community.

We have a partnership between clergy, leadership and the congregation to make our congregation responsive to the membership and to lead as well. It is a fine balance and we do our best to work hard to achieve that symbiosis of cooperation and collegiality. I hope you will give me some feedback as to how you feel about these thoughts. I invite you to email or call or even set up an appointment and let’s talk about your views. Everyone’s voice matters at CBY.

Shalom
Rabbi Brad L. Bloom MSW DD
President’s Message

The month of February in the United States has two holidays, Valentine’s Day, which celebrates Saint Valentine, and is therefore a Christian holiday and not the subject of Jewish celebration, and President’s Day, which celebrates the birthdays of two of our most revered and loved Presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

The powers of the President are established by Article II of the Constitution of the United States in just four short sections containing a few hundred words but history, events and the personalities of the Presidents have shaped the power and prestige of the office into the most powerful position in the world.

When the Constitution of the United States was written, the Chief Executive office was not always called President. The President presides, not dictating, commanding or ordering but by leadership, including building consensus. Being a successful president means being a leader. President Ronald Regan had a sign on his desk and it said simply, “It can be done.” One also thinks of President Franklin Roosevelt’s fireside chats, where he inspired the country to overcome the Depression.

There is a lesson here for everyone who holds the presidency of any non-profit, religious or other organization whose objective is to operate for the general benefit of all of the members of the community being served. There are many goals to be achieved but the ways those goals are reached is as important as the goals themselves.

At Beth Yam the stated goals set forth in the By-Laws (our constitution), Article II “The purpose of this Congregation is to promote the fundamental and enduring principles of Judaism and to ensure the continuity of the Jewish people; to enable its members to develop a relationship with God through communal worship, study of Torah, and assembly; and to apply the principles of Reform Judaism to the values and conduct of the individual, the family and the society in which we live.”

These are lofty goals but as they say “the devil is in the details.” Each CBY president brings different skills and priorities to the office but all presidents are trying to achieve the same purpose, the purpose set forth in our By-Laws, which is not only to promote Judaism here in the South Carolina Lowcountry but also to nurture a Jewish community among an age diverse, geographic diverse and Jewish diverse, part of the same Jewish community. We come from many different places and circumstances.

My predecessors at Beth Yam have led a synagogue which has grown in numbers to over three hundred families with an inspirational Rabbi, a Music Director, a religious school and this year, for the first time, a student Cantor.

With everyone's support we will continue to grow and prosper and just like Presidents sometimes have difficult days, presidents of CBY realize that the congregants may disagree. Our bond as Jews and members of the same community seeking to strengthen our congregation will make us stronger with each passing year and that belief is what makes being President of Beth Yam so worthwhile to me.

Shalom,

Twyla

Surfing Our Website – Joe Levy & Michael Shapiro

This month, we will look further at the ‘Community’ dropdown menu of our bethyam.org webpage. Click on Sisterhood. There is a background information article on our Sisterhood, complete with an enjoyable set of photo albums on the left side of the page. There are buttons on the upper right hand side, to click on for further information on making a donation to Sisterhood, or sponsoring an Oneg. There is a special tab to gain access to information regarding the Judaica gift shop, which Sisterhood manages, and of which they are rightly proud. I hope that everyone is aware that our gift shop offers a wonderful cookbook entitled “It [Still] Ain’T Just Chopped Liver.” This is a compendium of favorite recipes of Sisterhood members, who are proud to identify themselves by name and share their culinary creations with you. This book belongs in every woman’s kitchen. It is not to be confused with the last dropdown item on the Community menu, Imma’s Cookbook, which comprises several dozen recipes contributed by URJ as resource material – please take a little time to read this page, and try out and review any menus if you are so inclined.

The dropdown also gives access to a page devoted to the Men’s Club. This affiliate organization of the Temple has grown rapidly in its size and depth of programs. There is a button to click on to bring up a membership application. Men’s Club offers our male membership the opportunity to expand one’s circle of friends, to get involved in Jewish affairs, and to contribute to our Congregation.

Please take a look at our Outreach page. Interfaith families are a major component of our Beth Yam community, and the majority of the children in our Religious School are growing up in interfaith families. There is much valuable and instructive material here, which we all should read, as well as a link near the bottom of that page to a URJ Interfaith Blog by Marcia Frezza, our first and past Outreach Committee chairperson.
Sisterhood ~ Cathy Kite, Sisterhood President

Shalom Friends,

Many thanks to all those who participated in the Sisterhood/Men’s Club New Year’s Eve Party. More than 60 people gathered together to welcome in the New Year. Our thanks to Diane Miller and Stuart Blickstein for their work in organizing this fun filled evening.

On Friday evening, January 3, Sisterhood welcomed Blair Marks to CBY Shabbat Services. Blair is the National President of Women of Reform Judaism. She spoke to us about the programs WRJ is sponsoring here at home and in Israel. Most notably, Blair updated us on a grant from our YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) to provide scholarships for girls to attend URJ 6 Points Sci –Tech Camp where the focus is on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). These scholarships are meant to support girls in fields that were previously male dominated. Blair is an extraordinary woman and Sisterhood is honored and privileged to have her guide WRJ as we enter our second century.

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Ones: Thank you to the following people who provided the Ones for December: The Care Committee, Janet Weingarten, Judy Bluestone, Cokie Citron, Twyla Sable, Mike Weingarten, The Outreach Committee, Randy Kurjan, and Nancy Lerner.

Book Club at the Cypress - February 5, 2015. Please join us to hear Linda Stern review the book, The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street, by Susan Jane Gilman. A buffet lunch will be served (cost $16 per person). RSVP is a must since passes are needed at the Hilton Head Plantation gate. Use the back gate needed at the Hilton Head Plantation gate. Use the back gate. Contact Judie at (843) 342-6126. The next book club will be at Moss Creek on May 14, 2015. Some book suggestions: The House at Tyneford, a historical novel by Natasha Solomons, The Enchantress, a tale of ancient Jewish magic by Maggie Anton and An Officer and a Spy, a historical novel about the Dreyfus affair by Robert Harris.

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Yours In Sisterhood,

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

Light up the Night

Sponsored by Congregation Beth Yam

Dinner and Dancing, Live and Silent Auction
Honoring Betsy Doughtie, Executive Director of Deep Well
Omni Oceanfront Resort, Palmetto Dunes

Saturday, March 28, 2015
6:30 PM – 11:00 PM

Music by Lavon Stevens  Auction by Gallery 95
Black tie optional
$95 per person plus 6 cans of food for Deep Well

Invitations are in the mail!

Congregation Beth Yam presents Student Cantor Nancy Dubin in Concert

Congregation Beth Yam will be offering a concert of Yiddish music on Saturday, March 21 at 7:30 PM. The soloist will be Nancy Dubin, a student at the Hebrew Union College School of Sacred Music, who has been serving as student cantor at Congregation Beth Yam.

The Yiddish tradition is a rich source of folk songs and music which originated among the Ashkenazic population of central and eastern Europe. Most Jews lived in enclaves called shtetls, towns, villages and urban neighborhoods which were specifically Jewish. Although most Jews were poor, the bustling vitality of Jewish life was celebrated in Jewish music. Themes were diverse: love songs, recollections of a happy childhood spent in a shtetl, humorous laments and characterizations of those who populated the shtetls.

Children and family life play a major role in Yiddish folk songs. Other songs lyrics come straight from the Song of Solomon and other ancient sources.

Cantor Dubin will be accompanied by Larry Mercer on the piano and David Kimbell on the violin.

There will be no charge for CBY members. Tickets are $10 per person for non CBY members and can be ordered by mailing your check to Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting Street, Hilton Head, 29926, attention Felicia Pascal or through the website at www.bethyam.org.
Gather with friends, neighbors, and colleagues for these remarkable broadcasts—challenging, enlightening and edifying “big screen” productions, not available on cable. From the heart of Hilton Head, you can watch, listen, discuss, and learn ... without leaving town.

David Axelrod in Conversation with David Remnick – Believer: My Forty Years in Politics
Tuesday, February 10, 7:30 pm
One of the key players in the historic campaign that made Barack Obama President, Axelrod has been involved with some of the greatest political changes of the last decade. Axelrod has devoted a lifetime to questioning political certainties and to bringing fresh thinking into the political landscape. Join him as he discusses his remarkable career from young journalist to senior advisor to the President.

In the News with Jeff Greenfield: Barney Frank
Sunday, April 12, 7:30 pm
Barney Frank discusses his journey from Bayonne, New Jersey to the U.S. Congress, where he played a vital role in the struggle for personal freedom and economic fairness. He’ll talk about his fight for gay rights and his lifelong struggle against inequality—from his early civil rights advocacy in the Massachusetts State Legislature to his instrumental role as Chairman of the House Financial Services Committee. He's the author of a new memoir, Frank.

David Brooks: On Character
Tuesday, April 21, 7:30 pm
Join New York Times columnist David Brooks for an in-depth discussion about what constitutes character as explored in his new book, The Road to Depth. Some people seem to possess inner lives that are more substantive than the rest of ours. How do they do it? Depth, argues Brooks, is the core of our being and something we cultivate over time; it’s engraved by thought and action; it’s built through the commitments we make—to a nation, a faith, a calling or loved ones—and the sacrifices we endure because of those commitments.

All broadcasts will be shown at Congregation Beth Yam, 4501 Meeting St., Hilton Head Island, SC. Space is limited. Register early. Tickets for single broadcasts are $10 for Congregation Beth Yam members and $15 for non-members, payable by cash, check, or on-line credit card. To register for one or more broadcasts or subscribe to the series, click here for on-line credit card purchases or click here to print out a mail-in registration form or send an email to bethyam@aol.com or call Congregation Beth Yam at 843.689.2178. Tickets for a single broadcast are good for that broadcast only. Tickets are non-refundable, but transferable to friends and colleagues.

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**BK Club**

*At The Cypress - February 5, 2015 at 12:30 PM*

Linda Stern reviews the book, *The Ice Cream Queen of Orchard Street* by Susan Jane Gilman.

This is a "fun book" about a Russian girl who immigrates with her parents to the Lower East Side. Because of the love and help of an Italian ice cream peddler, she builds a series of ice cream stores and becomes a part of American history.

Cost is $16 per person - buffet lunch will be served

Contact judie Aronson to RSVP

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**Sisterhood Sweetheart Luncheon**

Featuring Lowcountry resident and author, Bernie Schein as he reviews his latest book, *Famous All Over Town*

*February 11, 2015*

11:30 AM

Luncheon Menu:

Chinese Chicken Salad (No peanuts)

Fruit, Dessert & Coffee

$20 Sisterhood Members

$25 Guests of Sisterhood Members

Men's Club Members are invited to join us at no charge for dessert, coffee and Bernie's program at 1:00 PM

More Information at www.bethyam.org

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**Fusion Shabbat Dinner**

*Hosted by the Core Committee*

*February 27, 2015 at 6:15 PM*

Please join us as we celebrate our FINAL Fusion Shabbat dinner and service honoring the Religious School teachers and B'nai Mitzvah tutors

*Our Menu:*

- Miss Judi's Matzah Ball Soup
- Salad, chicken, potatoes, roasted vegetables

Catered by Deborah and Ceimo Urado

Contact Cathy Kite for reservations by Friday, February 20

More information at www.bethyam.org

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**Fifteenth Annual Congregation Beth Yam Sisterhood Women’s Seder**

*In Celebration of Women*

*Menu*

- Chicken, Mushroom, Wild Rice Soup
- Spring Salad
- Grilled Salmon with Brat Oil or Chicken Picatta
- Asparagus & Carrot Medley
- Home Baked Passover desserts
- Coffee and Tea

*Wednesday, March 18*

11:00 AM

Please contact Robin Krumholtz to RSVP by March 11

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Ritual Committee—David Kurjan

Mishkan HaNefesh Through My Eyes by Randy Kurjan

As a member of the Ritual Committee and a Beth Yam congregant, I am very excited to chat with you about the rollout of our new High Holy Day machzor, Mishkan HaNefesh. The translation of the title is Tabernacle of the Soul. So many aspects of this machzor resonated with me the first and many subsequent times that I was able to explore it. I immediately wanted to take home a draft copy, because I was struck by the supportive readings which spoke to me spiritually and emotionally. That being said, I was also comforted to know that the prayers and ritual flow that we expect and look forward to are still there. I must say, that as someone who does not read Hebrew, I rely heavily on the translation for meaning and the transliteration for the opportunity to participate in the worship service. While the layout of our Shabbat siddur, Mishkan T’filah, makes this very accessible to me, I was very frustrated by the Gates of Repentance machzor layout. By the time I flipped back and forth through the book to find what I needed, the opportunity to participate was past. The new machzor, Mishkan HaNefesh, is formatted in a way that is similar to Mishkan T’filah, making it very “user friendly!” I find that I enjoy perusing Mishkan HaNefesh, stopping here and there to dwell on a meaningful prayer or reading. For this reason, David and I will certainly purchase copies of our own, as well as purchase others to commemorate significant events. As a member of the Mishkan HaNefesh sub-committee of the Ritual Committee, I am looking forward to sharing our new machzor with the Sisterhood Board in February and anyone else that would like to learn more about it! Click here to place your order.

The office is now using Constant Contact to send the weekly Small Tidings and e-blasts to the congregation. It has come to our attention that some of you are not receiving them. If this describes you, please make sure bethyam@aol.com is on your approved senders list. Thank you.

Library Committee—Linda Stern and Felicia Pascal

Winter is a great time to snuggle up with a good book. We are fortunate to have some new additions. Our thanks to Sisterhood for a new book by Maggie Anton, The Enchantress, Cynthia Drew Red Mansions and in the non-fiction category, The Boats of Cherbourg and The Provincials. Ellen Jenner has provided the library with a book about the Danish effort to aid its Jewish population during World War II. The book is Countryman by Bo Lindgard.

This might also be a good time to go back to some old standbys, such as Isaac Beshevis Singer or Chaim Potok. We have several collections of short stories by Singer, Sholem Aleichem and others. And if Israeli writers are new to you, try something by Amos Oz or A.B. Yehoshua.

Book Review by Felicia Pascal: Feeding a Yen by Calvin Trillin
Calvin Trillin is a noted food writer, journalist and humorist. He writes that his father expected him to grow up a Jew but brought him up as an American. This book is a compilation of essays, primarily about food encountered and sought after worldwide. Trillin has an acute sense of humor and an inexhaustible knowledge of foods from near and remote places on this planet. For “foodies” like myself (alternately referred to by the author as chow hounds or fressers), this is a delightful book, evoking a smile and an appetite.
Religious School ~ Judi Kleiman

Religious School started back after winter break with the students creating a wonderful art project called "In The Beginning" depicting each day of creation. Please feel free to walk in the Religious School wing to see the beautiful artwork hanging in the halls.

Please join Religious School families in honoring our teachers and B’nai Mitzvah tutors on February 27. The Care Committee is preparing a wonderful Fusion Shabbat dinner. The teachers will be honored at the 7:30 PM service that evening. An oneg will be lovingly provided by the Religious School Committee.

Please support the CBY Religious School's personalized Haggadah fundraiser! Promise Haggadah is a company in Tucson, AZ that prints beautiful Haggadahs, which can be personalized with your family’s individual names or last name on the cover. They are $11.50 each and the Religious School will get back 20% back for each Haggadah sold! They are perfect for your grandchildren! They are very easy to order. Just go to www.PersonalizedHaggadahs.com and select Congregation Beth Yam at checkout. The Haggadot will ship directly to YOU with guaranteed delivery prior to Passover, which begins April 3. Order by March 15 to avoid rush shipping charges. Please contact Rebecca Mastrorocco at (843) 682-2132 with any questions.

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Congregation Beth Yam is starting their search for a new Hebrew and Religious School Principal

As many of you know, Judi Kleiman has tendered her resignation as Principal of Congregation Beth Yam’s Hebrew and Religious School at the end of this school year. Judy performed with never tiring inspiration, enthusiasm and dedication. Under her tutelage, the enrollment of the school has grown to almost 50 students. We are very gratefully for everything Judi has done, but our search for her replacement must now begin. We will be advertising in the local and nearby media for a qualified person.

We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated part-time Religious and Hebrew school Principal to direct the 2 days a week program at the Temple. Classes are held Thursday afternoons and Sunday mornings and requires a 20 hour per week commitment. Candidates must have a Jewish cultural and religious background. Prior experience in education is required.

We are asking anyone who is interested or knows someone who may be interested in this position to please contact Karen Smith in our CBY office at ksmith.cby@gmail.com so we may start the interview process.
Ritual Committee ~ David Kurjan

As we look ahead to the newness of 2015, we should also consider the previous half dozen years or so, specifically the excellent job done by Judy Bluestone as chairperson of the Ritual Committee. Ritual is a major part of what a synagogue is all about, and Judy led the committee and the congregation through major enhancements. We are all indebted to her for her efforts. Thank you, Judy.

The coming months will see a number of changes which we are hopeful will enhance our worship experience.

February’s Fusion service will be the last one of this series. Discussions are underway with the Religious School to develop a Family service largely led by religious school classes and open to all. The Ritual Committee chair will be consulted on service content and involved in its planning. If all goes well, the first such service will occur this spring.

As you are all aware, we are planning to make use of a new High Holy Day prayer book, Mishkan HaNefesh, this fall. Efforts are underway to introduce the CBY community to the new machzor over the next several months.

The Ritual Committee is always receptive to receiving comments and recommendations by congregants on any ritual-related item.

CBY Men’s Club ~ Stuart Blickstein

As always, there is lots going on. By now, you have enjoyed another great Super Bowl party. Too bad certain unnamed teams didn’t make the cut this year - such is life.

- Save the Date: After school, Sunday, May 17 at the Hilton Head Plantation ball field. (Alan Meiselman, chair) the Kidz n’ Klutzes softball classic will be renewed this year. Old geezers, school kids, siblings and parents will participate in what may well be our version of the baseball Keystone Kops. Pizza, Pepsi, Pabst (hidden in paper packages), pandemonium and prizes will prevail.

- The annual Men’s Club Charity Golf Tournament, which has raised over $40,000 for local charities, is planned for October 12, 2015. The committee is currently in the course selection process. By the way, this committee could use some new blood. To volunteer, call Marty Katz at (843) 681-8288.

- Last month, our trivia contest revealed that Mary the Jewess was an inventor and that Mark Spitz was not the Jewish Olympic medal champion, Dara Torres is. Much fun was had by the nearly 30 attendees.

- Next meeting (program TBA) – Tuesday, Feb. 10, 12:15 PM in the CBY social hall. It’s pizza this month. Bring your appetites (as if I need to remind you) and don’t forget to RSVP to Nelson Adelman at (843) 671-2140.
Outreach Committee - Joan Diamond

On Friday evening, January 23, 2015 the Outreach Committee hosted a Learner’s Service on music & prayers. Rabbi Bloom provided insight into the history and customs that are associated with various prayers. The special focus was on the choreography of the service as well as explaining some of the prayers and rituals. The CBY Shabbat Choir participated in the evening’s service. Prior to the service a Wine and Cheese reception was held in honor of the Taste of Judaism attendees. Each attendee received a certificate of completion. The reception as well as the Oneg that followed was hosted by the Outreach committee.

- Our next cooking class will be on Tuesday, February 17 at 12:30 PM and will focus on Southern and Jewish cooking. We will make a Sweet Potato Challah! Other suggestions for recipes are welcome. Class size is limited, so please notify Rita Suntup at (843) 715-2873 if you're interested.
- A class on Preparing for Passover will be given by Barbara Slagowitz on Monday, March 30. Class size is limited. Please contact Rita Suntup at (843) 715-2873 to sign-up.
- Join the Outreach Committee - At Congregation Beth Yam we are blessed to count many non Jewish spouses among our members. Participating in a worship service with English and Hebrew prayers can be challenging. The Jewish members ask themselves, “Will my spouse be comfortable at the service or a social event at CBY?” “What can we do to make our non-Jewish members feel more welcome?” These are some of the challenges that are being addressed by the Outreach Committee of Congregation Beth Yam. If you are interested in working on our committee, please contact Joan Diamond at (843) 295-0131.

Membership - Pennie Meiselman and Karen Blickstein

Right on the heels of a very successful Pot Luck Dinner we are busy preparing for our annual New Member/Ambassador Cocktail Party. This party welcomes our new members and honors our ambassadors who do great jobs introducing them to our CBY family and our culture. This event will be held Sunday March 15 at CBY.

Please welcome our newest member Stephen Alfred who lives in Sea Pines. He has joined as a single resident member. This brings our total membership to 310.

If you know someone who may be considering joining Beth Yam, contact Pennie at (843) 681-5951 or Karen at (843) 705-9035 with their names and contact information and we will follow up with them.

Social Action Committee—Judie Aronson

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial March: On Monday, January 19, CBY members marched in the parade around the high school, carrying signs for our temple. It is always an important community event and CBY’s participation shows the community that we are an integral part of Hilton Head and it’s planned activities.
- Family Promise - Save the week of February 15 to help at Family Promise. We need volunteers to cook with members of All Saints church and entertain the guests. Contact Tena Graber at (843) 342-6478 if you can help.
- Trip to Women’s Shelter - February 19 is our planned trip to Savannah to entertain the women at the shelter. Contact Laurie Feuerman at (843) 785-7121 if you would like to help that day.
- Mitzvah Day will be on Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM with a picnic lunch to follow. More details coming soon.
**News from Ted David**

The Reform Movement in the US received another honor in mid-December when the US Senate confirmed Rabbi David Saperstein as U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for International Religious Freedom. Rabbi Saperstein was sworn in by Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan on Jan 7, 2015.

Rabbi Saperstein has been the Director of the Religious Action Center (RAC) of Reform Judaism for the last 40 years. During that time Rabbi Silverstein has led the RAC to be one of the most influential faith-based organizations on the federal legislative advocacy landscape. As he said himself, Rabbi Saperstein has been focused “… to make real the Jewish prophetic ideals of justice, peace, freedom, equality and compassion in America, in Israel, in the lives of human beings everywhere”. (from Rabbi Saperstein’s farewell letter).

Rabbi Jonah Presner has been named as the fifth director of the RAC. Rabbi Presner has deep and extensive experience in organizing congregations around social justice issues, organizing URJ’s Campaign for Youth Engagement, in leading, teaching and speaking at Reform institutions for the last 2 years as a Senior Vice President of the URJ. Rabbi Presner will remain a Senior VP of URJ but is moving to Washington and will devote most of his efforts to the continued growth of the RAC.

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**Invest in the Future of CBY: Status of the CBY Endowment Fund as of December 31, 2014**

You can invest in the future of CBY by a donation or legacy gift to the CBY Endowment Fund. The Endowment is focused on ensuring the long term financial future of CBY as the premiere Jewish congregation in the Lowcountry. For many members; CBY is not only a place to practice and sustain our Judaism. CBY is an integral part of our lives, a center for our social activities and a place where we have met and nurtured new friendships. The Endowment is an opportunity to repay all who have come before us with a long-term investment through the CBY Endowment. We don’t know exactly what the Congregation’s specific financial needs will be in years to come but the Endowment will be a key part of meeting those needs.

The CBY Endowment accomplishes its objective to ensure the long term future of CBY by accumulating and prudently investing donations to provide a stable and predictable flow of funds which can be used only for CBY operations. Only Fund earnings can be used for CBY operations unless the congregation votes otherwise. As of December 31, 2014, the Endowment Fund had net assets of approximately $158,000 invested in a Vanguard balanced fund, Israel bonds and cash. The Endowment has received legacy pledges and/or donations from the 26 families/organizations, all of whom are members of the CBY Guardian Society.

We invite all CBY members to become part of the Endowment family and the Guardian Society. If you have included CBY in your legacy plans, please let us know. If you would like information about the CBY Endowment Fund or how to make a current or future donation please contact one of the Endowment Trustees (Stan Bluestone, Ted David, Hank Noble, Bob Sable and Mike Werner) or Advisors (Harold Freeman, Joe Levy and Jack Miller). Over the next several months Endowment Trustees and Advisors will continue to reach out to CBY members to provide information about the goals and values of the Endowment.
The Fundraising Committee is hard at work on the **Light Up The Night** gala dinner-dance and auction honoring Betsey Doughtie, Executive Director of The Deep Well Project. With March 28th rapidly approaching we need everybody to help us make the evening great. We have less than two months to go! If anyone has 50,000 spare airline miles, we would love for you to donate them to this evening. We have several great vacations available, but would like to add "free" airline tickets. If you are not planning a trip, how about hosting a dinner party for 8-10 people in your home? Together we can make this a great success.

Click here for the latest auction catalog to preview the nearly 200 individual items available. Vacations are available from the adult Disney "Las Vegas" to the real Disney area in Orlando, as well as a Caribbean cruise. For sports fans we are highlighting golf foursomes as well as tickets to major events and great memorabilia. Of course we have many sporty items as well as gift certificates for both men's & women's apparel.

It’s time to make up your seating plans and we hope that you will contact your friends and neighbors to join us at this exciting evening. **Your invitations are in the mail.**

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The Deep Well Project by Mike Werner

Recently, I was fortunate enough to be chosen to join the Board of Directors of Deep Well, a kind organization that I have admired from afar for many years. I believe that their Mission Statement says it all.

**Mission Statement:**

To help neighbors in need by providing basic assistance in emergency situations. This assistance is immediate and non-bureaucratic, and is intended to provide clients with a hand up, not a hand out.

In a typical year, Deep Well provides roughly 70,000 meals, wherever it is sorely needed. Stopgap payments for rent, water, utilities, temporary shelter, transportation to clinics and household furniture is also provided. Home repairs, septic systems, plumbing, weatherproofing, etc. is part of the “livable housing” program. Children’s programs include medicine, clothing, childcare, school uniforms and supplies and the holiday “Santa Shop.”

All of the above is provided by the monetary and goods donations of the exceptional people, businesses, religious organizations (including CBY), civic and neighborhood groups on Hilton Head. It is somewhat sobering to realize that on our well-to-do Island there are so many in real need.

Finally, Deep Well is recognized by South Carolina as an “Angel Charity,” with nearly 93% of contributions going directly to the aid of those in need. There are only four paid staff members - the rest is literally an army of volunteers.

As mentioned, and needless to say, I am delighted to be a part of this wonderful organization. Almost immediately, I was put in charge of our volunteers for the recent Festival of Lights at Shelter Cove. I recruited a number of CBY members to help me.

Deep Well has been doing this fine work since 1973. I suspect that they will be a mainstay on our Island for many years to come. We will be honoring Betsy Doughtie, Executive Director of The Deep Well Project, at our “Light Up The Night” dinner and auction in March. If you think you might like to contribute time to this worthy organization, please contact me at (843) 681-2716.

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Photos by Mike & Anita Werner

Mike and Cappy the Clown

Mike & Bob Lewis from PEP

Festival of Lights
Nominating Committee ~ Michael Weingarten

Each fiscal year (July – June) the president of the congregation appoints a nominating committee to present to the congregation a slate of board directors and officers to be voted on for the next fiscal year. The nominating committee consists of a chairperson and 4 members. The chair and two of the members must be on the board with terms continuing into the next year. The remaining two members must be resident members of the congregation who are not on the board.

The board consists of 15 elected board members, 3 ex-officio voting board members (immediate past president and presidents of Sisterhood and Men’s Club) and 1 ex-officio non-voting member (Rabbi).

This year’s committee members are: Mike Weingarten chairperson, Ed Brager, Melanie Wynne, Mike Werner, and Jack Miller. If you are interested in either an officer or board position please contact any of the committee members.

Call for Volunteer Nominations

Reserve your space now at Our 11th Dine-Around Venue for 2014-2015

Dine Around

Skull Creek Boathouse
397 Squire Pope Road
Hilton Head Island

Tuesday
March 3
6:00 PM-8:00 PM

Contact Diane Miller for reservations
More information at www.bethyam.org

Reserve your space now at Our 12th Dine-Around Venue for 2014-2015

Dine Around

Berkeley Hall
366 Good Hope Road
Okatie, SC

Wednesday
March 11
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

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### You Can Now Make CBY Donations Online

Congregation Beth Yam is now accepting donations to its General Operating Fund and other special funds using the internet and your own credit cards. Yes, you may still make donations by check using the hard copy donation form below and mailing it or hand-delivering it to the office. However, the online donation method offers convenience and a safe, secure, easy way to donate with a credit card. Here’s all you need to do: [Click here](mailto:bethyam@aol.com) and follow the guide for making a donation. The guide will direct you to the Congregation Beth Yam Donation Form. If you have any questions or experience any difficulties, please contact the office at bethyam@aol.com.

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